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THE PRINCIPAL'S PAGE: OUR STUDENTS SPRING AHEAD

It's accountability time again. Through the use of a variety of measures, we as a public school are held accountable for demonstrating that students are making progress on the skills they need to learn at each grade. The State Department of Education and Morongo Unified School District have adopted standards of what each child should know in each grade level. The tests your students will be taking soon will be aligned with these standards.

This will be the fifth year that we will be taking the SAT-9 and STAR tests. It is part of the State of California's STAR testing program. The results of this test will be used to compare our students with others across the state to determine how well we are doing in helping children master the standards which are expected.

This is again an important year for us to show improvement. We



have been working hard in areas such as written language, that will be included for the first time this year. If we continue to improve each year, it allows your child to

move more quickly and be better prepared for their education in later years. You can help by:

- ⇒ Promoting a positive attitude
- ⇒ Having a quiet evening prior to the test
- ⇒ Having your child go to bed early the nights before a test.
- ⇒ Providing a nutritious breakfast on the days of the tests.
- ⇒ Expressing confidence in your child.

We will be participating in this testing at the end of April and the first week in May. I am again asking for your help to let our students shine. Working together, I know we will all be proud of our accomplishments.

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Dates of Interest

- 4/4 Class Photo Day
- 4/4 Site Based Man. @ 3:45
- 4/5 End of Third Quarter
- 4/8-4/12 Sixth Grade Science Camp
- 4/15 Staff Development Day (No School for Students)
- 4/16 FHEA @ 7 pm
- 4/24 SAT-9 Testing Begins
- 4/30 Quarterly Awards Assemblies (see calendar for times)



Library News...

We have been very busy listening to the California Young Reader Medal nominees. They are:

Nooway for Wodney Wat by Helen Lester

Wolf by Becky Bloom

Mr. Tanen's Ties by Maryann Cocca-Leffler

Horace and Morris but Mostly Dolores by James Howe

Cook-A-Doodle-Do! by Janet Stevens Crummel

We will be voting March 11 through March 22. It will be a tough choice. Ask your child what his or her favorite story is.

Our winners for the Paddington drawing for the month of January are:

Bo Bowen (Mrs. Winchell's 2nd grade class)

Cody Rossell (Mrs. Dempsey's 4th grade class)

Zeke Aguilar (Mr. Bogner's 6th grade class)

Jessica Floyd (Mr. Reed's 6th grade class)

Our winners for the Paddington drawing for the month of February are:

Louie Moore (Mr. Chambliss's 1st grade class)

Brittany Jund (Mrs. Bernardini's 2nd grade class)

Ashley Aarup (Ms. Hodges's 3rd grade class)

Allaha Colegio (Mrs. Friedman's 4th grade class)

Ryan Fleischman (Mrs. Ladner's 6th grade class)

Ashley Wilbey (Mr. Reed's 6th grade class)

Until next month,

Enjoy your books!

Paddington and Mrs. K.



Tobacco Free Schools-

The MUSD Board of Education voted at the March 5, 2002 meeting to adopt policy eliminating smoking on all school district property, effective April 1, 2002. The Board recognizes the health hazards associated with tobacco products and desires to provide a healthy environment for students and adults. All adults are encouraged to serve as models for good health practices and not smoke on school property.

Even a woodpecker owes his success to the fact that he uses his head.

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SAT - 9 testing

April 24

through

May 9

Our students and even some of our staff members are keeping their running shoes warmed up. Take a look at our "Wall of Fame" in the cafeteria for just how far they're walking and running. So, keep those track shoes moving and get your 100-mile club book stamped at your running recesses.



FRIENDLY HILLS ELEMENTARY ASSOCIATION

Friendly Hills Elementary Association each year elects new members to serve as officers of this important organization. Officers include, President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. F.H.E.A. would welcome individuals who are interested in serving in one of the above positions. If you have an interest in serving in one of these positions or just getting involved, please come to the next meeting on April 16th. Here are just a few of the exciting accomplishments so far this year.

- Providing funds for every class to take field trips or purchase extra supplies
- Raising funds to help send all our 6th grade students to science camp.
- Raising \$1000 for new kindergarten playground equipment. Please show your support in helping us raise another \$4000 through all our future fundraisers.

• "Friendly Hills Swap Meet" on May 11th

Speaking of that last event, if you have not already done so, make sure you reserve a spot to sell all those items you discovered during your spring cleaning. For a low fee of \$15.00, you reserve a spot at the busiest garage sale you have ever held. You keep all of your profits. Your kids will have fun with some activities and you can get a great sun tan. Please join us at our next meeting and be a part of this great team.



DRESS CODE REMINDERS...

With the spring time weather upon us, it's time for a few quick reminders from the parent/student handbook regarding the dress code. The following items are not allowed at school.

- Open toed or open healed sandals or thongs are not allowed as they can result in serious foot injury (the toes must be covered by the make of the shoe along with a strap securing the shoe on the back of the foot).
- Short shorts, spaghetti straps (straps must be a minimum of 1" wide or another shirt worn underneath), crop tops, extremely baggy pants...are not allowed and are inappropriate school attire as they become distractions in the classroom.



Don't forget to move your clocks forward Saturday night, 4/7.

A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks and make somebody's day.



Please call in to clear absences when your child has been out of school.

Purple Mountains Majesty

Creative Writings and artwork by Mrs. Reed's 5th grade class



Brandon Durnal

Sunsets

by Louie Ramirez

As I sit on the mountain gazing at the water with the mountain's reflection, I try to see the dark purple shadow on the ground. As I look at the birds listening to them chirping, I see the animals watching them run along the water. I watch trees grow and animals play, run and drink the water.

As I look at the wild animals go on the mountain, I realize that the mountain is turning purple. The sky is bigger than the mountains and every thing else except for God. At the corner of my eye I saw another mountain that was orange with a little bit of yellow. I was excited the sun was coming up and the mountain's shadow was turning purple.

I was sad the day was almost night but I'm glad that I get to go to sleep. At least tomorrow I get to see the purple mountain sunset again. I know that I have to go to sleep but I promise I will come back. I will come back and look if there is a new animal or new tree. I am glad that we get to go outside and see nature.

The Majestic Mountains

by Sean

The bright majestic morning, the dew is moist, the sun slowly rises. When the sun was rising, the beautiful vibrant colors smeared across the sky. While sitting on the roof, watching the birds snack on mosquitoes and dragonflies, the bears were eating berries.

The dark misty mountain shadows, racing down the valleys and cabins below. The orange, yellow, pink and blue rainbow was vanishing at the same time the dew was disappearing. When the sun reflected off the dark rushing river it looked like tiny pieces of gold rushing down the river.

It is time to head into the house, the sun has set quickly, displaying an assortment of blended colors. Soon it will be bedtime and the next day will soon begin, with a brightly regenerated sun.



Jessica Friddle



Peter Nagy

*Awesome
Work
By
Talented
Children*

Simple Mountains by Yvette Castaneda

I'm sitting on the top of the summit while the wind strokes my back and forth. The wind is strong, but not as strong and wild as a hawk. It's dawn now. I can't see any animals yet. I see a gigantic rock that looks like a powerful king just sitting on his purple throne. I realize it's peaceful with the reflection of the sky on the pale water floating on the ripples. The sky is paler than the color of the sand. I see light blue, pink, purple, yellow, orange and red in the sky. Isn't nature beautiful?

Mountains, I love mountains. I love the colors of them. It brings me great joy and love, even happiness. They're so bumpy, rocky and full of trees. Full of animals, even full of mother nature. I love mountains, especially at dawn.

The sky's colors are now fading away in the deep white clouds. But, I still lay here looking at the fading colors in the sky. I turn around and I see the warmest king of all still sitting on his purple throne peacefully humming a tragic song as if he's sad the colors are fading away into heaven above. Well, I sit here all alone in the poorest color, light blue. But, I still remember the delightful colors that passed by to heaven like a flower that just sprouted up.



Tony Faraqalla

Snowball Day by Brent Bowen (Mrs. Bernardini's 2nd grade class)

I thought it was very cold this winter. I caught a cold, so my mom bought me a new coat. I wore my new coat and went outside. I made a snowball. My Dad and Mom taught me how to make a snowman. I gave my mom a snowball. It was very small. I cried when the snow melted.

Into the Land of Unicorns (a book review) by Sarah Mummey (Ms. Hodges' 3rd grade class)

The story is about a girl and her grandma Morris being pursued by some guy. He is trying to capture the amulet from them. Then the girl falls into Luster. Then this monster pushes her down and she gets stabbed in the back because a rock in the stream had a big spike on it.

The main characters in the story were the girl named Cara, a unicorn named Lightfoot, the Dimblethum, the Squijum and the Unicorn Queen. I enjoyed the book because I really liked the unicorn. I also thought it was a good book. My favorite part was when they got to the Unicorn Queen and when Cara there that the queen sent her on another journey through Luster.

Beware the Dragon (a book review) by Ryan Giffin (Ms. Hodges' 3rd grade class)

This story is about dragons and people. The main characters are the dragons and the girl. I liked this story because when the girl was surfing on the dragon's tail, it looked funny. My favorite part is when the dragon was sleeping and the girl said "hello!!!" really loud. The dragon accidentally blew fire at her face. It's funny because if a dragon did that to you, it would be pretty funny when you go home.



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Friendly Hills is dedicated to ensuring that students acquire the necessary skills to be high achievers, exemplary citizens and life long, self motivated learners.

Check out our Friendly Hills Home Page.
www.morongo.k12.ca.us/schools/morfhe

Our Story

Friendly Hills Elementary was founded in 1988 as part of the Morongo Unified School District. Since it's inception, the school has been instrumental in the education of more than 2500 students. Our first kindergarten class graduated in the year 2000. We are confident that that class, and all who will follow, leave this school with a strong well rounded education. Our tradition has been one of academic excellence, high student expectations and an education rich in the arts. As we move into the future, Friendly Hills continues to lead in these areas as well as emerging as an innovator in the area of technology. We attribute our success to a talented, dedicated staff, caring parents and wonderful students.

SCHOOL BASED MANAGEMENT COUNCIL NEWS

The School Based Management Council is a

Each year new parent members come onto our

School Based

Management Council

If you would like the chance to be a part of

this group, please contact Mr. Blanding.

decision making body within the school.

This committee puts together a Site Based Plan each year that outlines how money for special programs will be spent. It is made up of an equal number of parents and staff.

During this past month's meeting, the committee took a preliminary look at next year's budget.

The group was updated on the approval of eighth grade.

The committee approved a plan to expend the remaining Title 1 dollars as follows to support the new technology that will soon arrive in our computer lab. This includes several programs to help low achieving students to keep pace with their peers.

In the coming months the group will be reviewing the results of the upcoming parent survey and putting together a new plan for next year.

It's time for new members, come get involved.

Friendly Hills Elementary Science Fair, 2002

K-3 Collections

Jessie McCorkle (1st Place)
Gabriel Buss (1st Place)
Jaclyn Cuyno (2nd Place)
Sierra Zacks (2nd Place)
Marc Salomon (2nd Place)
Laura Flippen (2nd Place)
Elise Kelley (3rd Place)
Winter Howard (3rd Place)
Nicholas Cushman (3rd Place)

Gr. K-3 Demonstrations

Frederick Compton (1st Place)
Marc Salomon (1st Place)
Grace Bogner (2nd Place)
Kael Dull (2nd Place)
Erik Peters (3rd Place)
David McCorkle (3rd Place)
Erik Mc Clay (3rd Place)

Gr. K-3 Experiments

Melissa Phelps (1st Place)
Andy Hesse (1st Place)
Timmy Hesse (2nd Place)
James Reed (2nd Place)
Sarah Fleischman (3rd Place)
Cathy Cousino (3rd Place)

Mrs. Candelaria and
Mrs. Seacat Class Project
(Honorable Mention)

Gr. 4-6 Inventions

Conner Valentine and
James Cooper (1st Place)
Quinton Cressy (2nd Place)

Gr. 4-6 Experiments

Nick Aguilar (3rd Place)
Shelby Blair (3rd Place)
Ashley Candelaria (3rd Place)
Jessica Friddle (3rd Place)
Shanteal Gafney (3rd Place)
Ashley Malone (3rd Place)
Sean Martel (3rd Place)
Trevor Morrow (3rd Place)
Arianna Rodriguez (3rd Place)
Travis Rodriguez (3rd Place)
Ryan Rogers (3rd Place)

Sierra Bernardini-Smith (2nd)
Ashley Bilbrey and
Jessica Floyd (2nd Place)
Lauryn Compton (2nd Place)
Kelsey Frasher (2nd Place)
Jessica Frasher and
Dakota Westlake (2nd Place)
Peter Gorwin (2nd Place)
Justin Howell (2nd Place)
Shayla Mills (2nd Place)
Sarah Reed (2nd Place)
Marissa Salomon (2nd Place)
Jessica Vaught (2nd Place)

First Place Experiments Grades 4-6

"A Simple Electric Generator"
by Logan Aguilar

"Musical Math" by
Katie Chambless (6th grade)

"Gravity Experiment" by
David Cuyno (4th grade)

"Firewood Frenzy" by
Ryan Fleischman (5th grade)

"Hey, Sugar" by
Devin Gomez (6th grade)

"Which Soil Grows a Better
Carrot?" by Marialena
Martinez (5th grade)

"Photosynthesis" by
Max Mellette (6th grade)

"From Landfills to Life" by
Mat Patten (6th grade)

"Density" by
Megan Payton (5th grade)

"Does Music Beat Effect
Blood Pressure?" by
Shane Smith (6th grade)






March Awards

2002

Teacher's Name	Student of the Month	Citizenship Award	Outstanding Effort	Writing Award
Mrs. Bernardini	✓ ¹ moved Keelan McClure	✓ ³ ★ Savanna King	✓ ⁵ ★ Tyler Waring	✓ ¹ moved Chelsea Gordon
Mr. Bogner	✓ ¹ ★ Dakota Westlake	✓ ¹ ★ Candace Goebel	✓ ¹ moved Sarah Faragalla	✓ ¹ ★ Kourtney Chinen
Mrs. Candelaria	✓ ¹ ★ Jasmine Moore	✓ ¹ moved Maxwell Tree	✓ ¹ ★ Christian Kahrs	✓ ¹ ★ Isaiah Thomas
Mr. Chambless	✓ ² ★ Pruet Propakonpipat	✓ ¹ ★ Courtney Yakutis	✓ ¹ ★ Peyton Orten	✓ ² ★ Sierra Butler
Mrs. Dempsey	✓ ⁵ ★ Marissa Salomon	✓ ⁵ ★ Kristen DeWitt	✓ ⁵ ★ Nick Aquilar	✓ ⁵ moved Monica Tree
Mrs. Friedman	✓ ⁵ ★ Ashley Johnson	✓ ⁵ ★ Christy Bignorio	✓ ⁵ ★ Ryan Rogers	✓ ⁵ ★ Sierra Smith
Mr. & Mrs. Hesse	✓ ² ★ Gage Brenneman	✓ ² ★ Robert Perrance	✓ ² moved Kalia Brown	✓ ² ★ Allie Cressy
Ms. Hodges	✓ ⁴ ★ Ryan Giffin	✓ ⁴ ★ Brittany Hocker	✓ ⁴ ★ Melissa Phelps	✓ ⁴ moved Sarah Mummy
Mrs. Ladner	✓ ⁴ ★ Melissa Cosner	✓ ⁴ ★ Adam Wysocki	✓ ⁴ ★ Sean Dittmer	✓ ⁴ moved Tyler Jones
Mrs. Mann	✓ ⁴ moved Lacy Blackburn	✓ ⁴ ★ Cody Sniffin	✓ ⁴ ★ Sturais Asha	✓ ⁴ ★ Sarah Clark
Mrs. Mitz	✓ ² ★ Carly Fauls	✓ ² ★ Nicholas VanZandt	✓ ² ★ Amber Cosner	✓ ² ★ Marissa Garcia
Mr. Reed	✓ ¹ moved Mat Patten	✓ ⁷ ★ Kyle Fleischmann	✓ ¹ moved Tom Morrow	✓ ¹ moved Alicia Gorwin
Mrs. Reed	✓ ⁶ ★ Dustin Webb	✓ ⁶ ★ Ben Benstead	✓ ⁶ ★ Louie Ramirez	✓ ⁶ ★ Sean Elder
Mrs. Seacat	✓ ¹ ★ Cheyenne Bird	✓ ¹ ★ Kirsten Romero	✓ ¹ ★ Nikki Moore	✓ ¹ ★ Elise Kelley
Mrs. Strader	✓ ⁷ ★ Chris Hulse	✓ ⁷ ★ Larissa Johnson	✓ ⁷ ★ Gabba Evaro	✓ ⁷ ★ Cody King
Ms. Subriar	✓ ³ ★ Dylen Cleary	✓ ³ ★ Marc Salomon	✓ ³ ★ Amanda Cosner	✓ ³ ★ Shannon Patton
Mrs. Tilson	✓ ⁴ ★ Velvet Brown	✓ ⁴ ★ Brent Heller	✓ ⁴ ★ Brittney Candelaria	✓ ⁴ ★ Nathan Cotney
Ms. Williams	✓ ⁷ ★ Chris Schorer	✓ ³ ★ Adrian Garcia	✓ ⁷ ★ Allen Flug	✓ ⁶ ★ Gabriel Robertson
Mrs. Winchell	✓ ³ ★ Kelsey Hulse	✓ ³ ★ Steven Shoemaker	✓ ³ ★ Brandon McEachern	✓ ³ ★ Isabel Ramos

April, 2002

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
 <p>DAY OFF! HOLIDAY</p> <p>SCHOOL CAMP</p> <p>6th grade to Science Camp Admin Council @ 2pm</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time (Spring Forward)</p>	<p>1 BOE @ 7:00 pm</p> <p>2 6th grade Orientation @ LCMS 10:00 am</p> <p>3 CLASS PHOTO DAY SBMC (Lib) @ 3:45</p> <p>4 End of Third Quarter</p>	<p>5 6th grade trip to Palapas, Palm Springs 9am-3pm</p> <p>6 Grade Level Meetings (5th) @ 12:10 (6th) @ 3:45</p> <p>7 SAT-9 Testing Begins (Get lots of rest, good food and do your best!)</p>	<p>8 Grade Level Meetings (2nd) @ 1:10</p> <p>9 Grade Level Meetings (4th) @ 8:30 Disaster Drill @ 10:15 SPORTS RECESS</p> <p>10 Grade Level Meetings (2nd) @ 1:10</p> <p>11 Grade Level Meetings (4th) @ 8:30 Disaster Drill @ 10:15 SPORTS RECESS</p>	<p>12 Grade Level Meetings (4th) @ 8:30 Disaster Drill @ 10:15 SPORTS RECESS</p> <p>13 Grade Level Meetings (4th) @ 8:30 Disaster Drill @ 10:15 SPORTS RECESS</p> <p>14 Grade Level Meetings (4th) @ 8:30 Disaster Drill @ 10:15 SPORTS RECESS</p>
<p>14 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY (No School for Students)</p> <p>15 EARTH DAY Admin Council @ 2pm</p>	<p>16 Report Cards Go Home FHEA T-Shirt Sale Staff Mtg (Lib) @ 3:50 BOE / FHEA @ 7 pm</p> <p>17 Quarterly Awards Assem. K, 3-4 @ 9:40 5-6 @ 10:15 K-2 @ 2:45</p>	<p>18 SAT-9 Testing Continues</p> <p>19 SAT-9 Testing Continues</p>	<p>20 SAT-9 Testing Continues</p> <p>21 SAT-9 Testing Continues</p>	<p>22 SAT-9 Testing Continues</p> <p>23 SAT-9 Testing Continues</p>

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